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The members of Portland Branch of WILPF look forward to the time when the majority of the land at Hanford Nuclear Reservation can be returned to a productive & clean state. We are concerned that so much is being invested in speculating on future uses while clean-up continues to be underfunded and deadlines are being extended well into the next century. We wonder if we will be still be alive by the time the proposed plans are possible.

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WILPF insists that thorough comprehensive clean-up of all contamination be pursued promptly and with the funding necessary to return the land to its natural use as soon as possible. Our priorities for the (too distant) future of Hanford lands would include returning it to its natural state, restoring the flora, fauna, geology and water to its former state and preserving the area to best serve the culture and traditions of the Native Americans who first inhabited the area.

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Monitoring the contaminated areas fifty years into the future will most likely be well past our lifetimes. Plans must be made to protect the health and safety of those generations which follow, for the thousands of years the remaining waste continues to threaten life.

WE DEMAND THAT THE PROMISE OF CLEAN-UP BE FULFILLED PROMPTLY!

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